

# CITY OF GREENBELT

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Tuesday, June 28, 2011

**PRESENT:** ACE Members: Susan Breon, Alla Lake, Veronica Martin-Frederick, Janet Mirsky, Don Rich, Sudanshu Sinha, Dave Whiteman and Staff Liaison Wendy Wexler. ACE Science Club Leader Jacob Tosado also attended the meeting.

Minutes of May 24, 2011 were accepted as is.

### **ACE SCIENCE CLUB PLANNING 2011-2012.**

Jacob Tosado was present for this portion of the evening. ACE held a very productive discussion about what was working, what was not, what possible option changes should be considered? Everyone was very enthusiastic about the content of the Science Club meetings and we were just trying to find a way to make them better attended. Jacob indicated that the meetings at Greenbriar Community Center never had any “walkers” participating and all students were driven to the meetings. ACE has also gotten some feedback from Council that they would like to continue to try to make the sessions available to Greenbelt East.

After a protracted discussion, ACE has decided to try a few changes for the upcoming year.

- 1) continue the once-a-month Science Clubs on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Greenbelt Community Center (Jacob will look over the year’s calendar and let Wendy know of any variations so she can complete the necessary space paperwork)
- 2) move the Greenbelt East sessions to the Hunting Ridge Community Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. ACE members indicated that there was a larger “walking” community there and it draws from students attending both GES and MES. Contact Leta and/or Ed to see if they have a contact person for that community center so that we might start the process of making arrangements for space. Keep in mind that Jacob must have access to either chalk boards or white boards.
- 3) As in the past, August will be used for planning the year long curriculum.
- 4) Instead of beginning the Science Club in September, begin in October and use September instead for Jacob attending a PTA meeting at MES and GES to offer parents and kids a demonstration Science Club to beef up interest. Don will contact MES (Ms. Gillens and/or Randall Pippin, PTSO and Jon will contact the new GES Principal and PTA President to try to facilitate these events.)
- 5) Market the club more aggressively through flyers in student backpacks for MES, GES, SHL, TPA & GMS for grades 3 through 8; advertise Jacob’s website on line for the Science Club, write an article for the News Review.

ACE will inform Council of these new suggestions.

#### **ACE Reading Club Planning for 2011 – 2012.**

ACE discusses the progress of the Reading Club this past year and Bonnie Merryman's continued enthusiasm for its work. ACE is unanimously interested in continuing the same format of having the club at the end of the School day at SHL ES.

#### **GMS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE.**

The latest report states that the construction is 24% completed. Dave asks if anyone is making a recording of the construction web cam photos. It is suggested that Peggy Higgins, School Board representative, would either know that or be able to arrange that. Dave will contact her. Everyone agrees that would be a great video to have compiled at the end.

#### **GMS TASK FORCE UPDATE.**

Janet reports that Task Force Committee has made its preliminary report to Council. In the report they recommended keeping a part of the historic section (the 1937 section) for use as a comprehensive community center for services for Greenbelt West, including technological and fine arts services. Costs suggest that demolishing the other sections makes good economic sense. The issue of whether it will be used for a Charter School location is a decision that falls under the responsibility of PGCPs BOE. The Task Force will be having a Work Session with the City Council on July 13<sup>th</sup> about these recommendations.

#### **GRANT OUTCOME REPORT STATUS.**

Wendy reports that four more reports arrived this week from GES. She has sent them on to Jon for inclusion with his spread sheet. She further reports that every "Grant Outcome Report" seems to offer different information, and not always the information requested in the Grant Application. For example, none of these reports even were dated. It is suggested that next year ACE create a form for the required Outcome Report so that the information received could be more standardized.

#### **GRANTS WRITING WORKSHOP.**

Jon has reported that the Grants Writing Workshop will again happen this year and it will be conducted by City Councilmember Emmet Jordan. Jon does not know yet if it will be co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Foundation, but says that will not impact its presentation. More details on time and place are to follow

#### **LABOR DAY PARADE PREP.**

Alla will be responsible for taking care of registering ACE for the Parade. Wendy will contact all the ACE winners from this year about their participation in the Parade. Susan will be the point person for the Parade on Labor Day. Wendy will get her (and Alla) the list of ACE Student and Educator winners who will be marching so it can be announced at the reviewing stands. At our August meeting Susan will collect the ACE banner. Dave promises to participate in the Parade and will be bringing his daughters. We hope for participation by additional ACE members also.

**ACE ELECTIONS.**

We discuss the positions up for election: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. Following much discussion, Jon is re-elected Chair, Alla is re-elected Vice Chair and Susan is elected Treasurer. All votes are unanimous.

**NEXT MEETING.**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 23rd. We are again slated to meet in the City Council Room.

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**ACE CALENDAR** – Please let Wendy know if you are **NOT** able to attend.

**Unless noted all meetings will now take place in the Second Floor City Council Room, City Municipal Building.**

**July....No Meeting**

**8/23....Regular Monthly Meeting – 7 PM**

**9/5.....Labor Day Parade**

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